



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 9**

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OFFICE OF  
REGIONAL COUNSEL

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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT  
SENIOR WATER ATTORNEY**

The Region 9 Office of Regional Counsel is offering a GS-15 non-supervisory position for a Senior Water Attorney to serve as the Regional legal expert on counseling, enforcement, and defensive litigation work under the Clean Water Act. This position will be placed in the Air, Toxics, Water, and General Law Branch.

**Summary of Duties**

The duties of the Senior Water Attorney will include the following:

Serves in a leadership role in working with ORC management, attorneys and program clients to develop compliance, enforcement, litigation, and counseling strategies for Regional water law matters, including state and tribal water quality standards, TMDLs, permits, Section 404, MPRSA, NEPA, ESA, NHPA, and treaty rights. Works on all issues surrounding these complex matters, ranging from rulemakings, guidance materials, permitting, cross-cutting and environmental justice issues, and tribal consultations. Responsible for mastering the issues associated with relevant state and tribal water agencies and industry sectors and understanding how environmental laws address the regulated activities. Works closely with multiple programs, states, tribes, other federal agencies, regulated entities, as well as Headquarters program and legal offices. Serves as lead on significant water enforcement matters, working closely with the Enforcement Division and Headquarters on case development, negotiations, settlements, dispute resolution, and administrative proceedings. Serves as the agency's lead attorney assisting the Department of Justice in defensive litigation involving agency water program matters.

**Additional Required Information**

Attorneys applying for this position must review the Job Announcements – General Information, for additional instructions related to the criteria required for this position, additional duties, the process for applying, and other relevant information.